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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Responsive to the Official Action of April 26, 2007 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of Group III, claims 1, 2 and 11.

The elected species is compound ST 2496. Page 37 describes its preparation and Tables 1 and 3 its activity.

This response is made with traverse to the extent the non-elected claims directed to methods of using the elected compounds may be rejoined once the product claims are found to be allowable.

Please examine the elected claims on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 5, 2006.

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